(10) and (11) Do not arise in view of the answer to (9).

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Is there not a stipulation in the contract that no timber will be carted before they are paid for?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—No timber is allowed to be removed before they are paid for.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Should they not have passes to cart their timber?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—Yes.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—How was this timber removed without passes?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—No timber has been removed at all.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—(4) Rs. 2,192 and odd is for timber removal?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—It is not the amount paid for removal. If the contractor became a defaulter these were re-sold in auction and that amount represents the balance due from him after the amount of resale is realised. The amount is realised from the man to whom the growth is sold before.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—So the contractor is a loser?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—This represents the difference between the value for which he contracted to take timber and that which was realised subsequently at the auction.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Is none responsible for the non-collection?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—There is no-body responsible. It is due to the inability of the contractor.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was any security paid by the contractor?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—Yes.

Number of Muslims treated in the hospitals during Ramzan weeks and before.

213. Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Will the Government be pleased to state the number of the Muslim in-patients and out-patients treated in the hospitals and dispensaries of Cranganur, Mattancheri and Ernakulam during (1) the four Ramzan weeks beginning with the 2nd of January 1933 and (2) the previous four weeks.

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—The information required is contained in the statement shown below.

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Hospitals	Four weeks from 2nd January 1933		Four weeks from 5th December 1932	
	In-patient	Out-patient	In-patient	Out patient
Generral Hospital, Ernakulam	6	195	18	189
Women's Hospital, Mattancheri	9	219	10	197
Male Dispensary, Mattancheri	..	215	..	183
Cranganur Hospital	5	326	3	473

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Are the figures larger than in normal times?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—It is only a comparative statement. I want notice.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Am I to understand that you cannot give the information now?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—It is not possible.

Proposals to combat elephantiasis and hydrocele in the State.

214. Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether their Public Health Department are aware of any discoveries in Travancore of worms and mosquitoes that cause elephantiasis in that State;

(2) what their information about the discoveries is;

(3) whether they have any proposal to investigate the elephantiasis and hydrocele prevalent in certain parts of Cochin; and

(4) whether they have prepared any statistics of these diseases in the State?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(1) No.

(2) The question does not arise in view of (1).

(3) No.

(4) No.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Sir, it is strange that the Department is not aware of a thing of which a layman like myself is aware. Will the Government be pleased to make enquiries about the matter? I am aware that there were some discoveries there.

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